

OREGON POTATOES



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Processing

Processors in Washington and Oregon (excluding Malheur County) used 43.6 million cwt of raw potatoes to February 1, 2004, similar to the amount processed during the same period last year and a 1 percent decrease from two years ago. Processing to February 1 in Washington and Oregon (excluding Malheur County) accounted for just over 39 percent of the 2004 production for those areas. Processors in Idaho and Malheur County, Oregon used 36.8 million cwt of raw potatoes to February 1, an increase of almost 2 percent from last year but a decrease of nearly 11 percent from two years ago. Processing to February 1 in Idaho and Malheur County, Oregon accounted for just over 27 percent of the 2004 production for those areas. Total processing of the 2004 crop potatoes was 101.0 million cwt to February 1, down 1 percent from last year and down 6 percent from two years ago. Of the processed total, 20.0 million cwt were used for dehydrated products, excluding starch and flour.

Potatoes: Used for processing, selected areas, 2003 and 2004 crops ¹

Storage season	To Dec 1	To Jan 1	To Feb 1	To Mar 1	To Apr 1	To May 1	To June 1	Entire season
	<i>1,000 cwt.</i>	<i>1,000 cwt.</i>	<i>1,000 cwt.</i>	<i>1,000 cwt.</i>	<i>1,000 cwt.</i>	<i>1,000 cwt.</i>	<i>1,000 cwt.</i>	<i>1,000 cwt.</i>
Idaho and Malheur County, Oregon								
2003-2004	24,310	30,730	36,260	43,640	49,570	56,380	63,770	77,530
2004-2005	24,360	30,840	36,820	-	-	-	-	-
Washington and other areas, Oregon								
2003-2004	32,670	38,520	43,610	51,210	58,500	64,160	72,350	79,800
2004-2005	32,305	38,130	43,570	-	-	-	-	-
Maine ²								
2003-2004	1,590	2,085	2,720	3,420	4,095	4,740	5,400	7,270
2004-2005	1,555	1,985	2,615	-	-	-	-	-
Other states ³								
2003-2004	13,835	16,505	19,590	22,685	25,920	29,480	32,845	42,160
2004-2005	12,525	15,035	18,005	-	-	-	-	-
Total								
2003-2004	72,405	87,840	102,180	120,955	138,085	154,760	174,365	206,760
2004-2005	70,745	85,990	101,010	-	-	-	-	-

¹ Total quantity received and used for processing regardless of the state in which the potatoes were produced. Total excludes quantities used for potato chips in ME, MI and WI. ² Includes ME grown potatoes only. ³ CO, MN, NV, ND, and WI.

February 1 stocks down nearly 13 percent

Potato stocks in Oregon totaled 11.8 million cwt as of February 1, 2005, reflecting an decrease of nearly 13 percent from February 1, 2004. This total accounts for 60 percent of the 2004 crop production in Oregon, compared to 64 percent last year at this time. Stocks include potatoes received from other States now being stored in Oregon.

About 64 percent of Oregon's stocks were in the Hermiston/Boardman area as of February 1, while 16 percent were in Malheur County and 13 percent were in Klamath County. Last year at this time, 70 percent of Oregon's stocks were in the Hermiston/Boardman area, while 11 percent were in Malheur County and 12 percent were in Klamath County. Hermiston/Boardman area stocks are down 19 percent from last year and Klamath County stocks are down nearly 4 percent, while Malheur County stocks are up 27 percent from last year.

Potato stocks are defined as the quantity (whether sold or not) remaining in storage for all purposes and uses, including shrinkage, waste and other losses that occur after February 1.

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February Potato Stocks Up 2 Percent from Last Year

The 15 major potato States held 204 million cwt of potatoes in storage February 1, 2005, up 2 percent from last year and 3 percent above 2003. Potatoes in storage account for 51 percent of the 2004 fall storage States' production, 1 percentage point above last year. Stocks by type were 2 percent red, 11 percent round white, 2 percent long white (Shepody), and 85 percent russets, with a smaller percentage of reds and round whites but a larger percentage of russets than a year ago. Disappearance of 199 million cwt from the start of harvest to February 1, is down 2 percent from last year and 4 percent below two years ago. Shrink and loss, at 22.5 million cwt, is up 10 percent from both last year and the same date in 2003.

Western States held 141 million cwt of potatoes in storage on February 1, up 4 percent from last year but 2 percent below two years ago. California's potato stocks are up 19 percent from last year, while Idaho's and Montana's storages both hold 12 percent more. Potato sheds in Colorado stored 2 percent more than last year.

Central States accounted for 49.5 million cwt of potato stocks on February 1, down 5 percent from last year but 14 percent above two years ago. Michigan's potato stocks are down 15 percent, Minnesota potato sheds stored 8 percent less than last year, and Wisconsin's stocks decreased 3 percent. Nebraska and Ohio potato stocks combined decreased 10 percent from last year. North Dakota's sheds are the only ones in the Central States storing more potatoes than last year, with an increase of 2 percent.

Eastern States stored 13.3 million cwt of potatoes on February 1, up 5 percent from last year and 18 percent above two years ago. New York's stocks are up 18 percent from last year, while Maine stocks increased 6 percent. Pennsylvania's sheds decreased 18 percent from a year ago.

Fall Potatoes: Production and stocks, Oregon and 15 state total, 2000-2004 ¹

Crop year	Production	Total stocks						
		Dec 1	Following year					
			Jan 1	Feb 1	Mar 1	Apr 1	May 1	Jun 1
	<i>1,000 cwt</i>	<i>1,000 cwt</i>	<i>1,000 cwt</i>	<i>1,000 cwt</i>	<i>1,000 cwt</i>	<i>1,000 cwt</i>	<i>1,000 cwt</i>	<i>1,000 cwt</i>
Oregon								
2000	30,683	25,000	23,000	20,000	17,000	13,600	10,000	6,400
2001	20,730	17,500	15,500	14,000	11,500	8,500	6,500	3,000
2002	24,936	17,500	15,000	12,500	9,900	7,500	5,000	2,300
2003	20,991	18,000	15,800	13,500	11,000	8,400	5,500	2,900
2004	19,775	17,000	14,500	11,800	-	-	-	-
15 Major states ¹								
2000	458,827	310,300	275,270	234,260	197,670	153,520	109,160	61,270
2001	387,033	258,750	224,680	192,090	158,590	119,950	81,200	42,990
2002	407,085	264,485	231,490	199,020	165,210	125,770	83,040	45,880
2003	403,181	267,900	233,590	200,230	166,280	126,110	85,000	46,020
2004	403,327	271,800	238,220	204,190	-	-	-	-

¹ See table below for listing of 15 major fall potato states.

Potatoes: Production and total stocks of fall potatoes, 2003 and 2004 crops ¹

State	Crop of 2003			Crop of 2004		
	Production	Total stocks Feb 1, 2004	Feb 1 stocks as % of production	Production	Total stocks Feb 1, 2005	Feb 1 stocks as % of production
	<i>1,000 cwt.</i>	<i>1,000 cwt.</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>1,000 cwt</i>	<i>1,000 cwt</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Oregon	20,991	13,500	64	19,775	11,800	60
Idaho	123,180	67,000	54	131,970	75,000	57
Washington	93,150	38,000	41	93,810	36,500	39
Pacific Northwest ²	237,321	118,500	50	245,555	123,300	50
California	3,528	1,600	45	3,876	1,900	49
Colorado	23,652	12,600	53	23,148	12,900	56
Maine	17,030	10,500	62	19,220	11,100	58
Michigan	15,015	6,200	41	13,650	5,300	39
Minnesota	22,330	11,100	50	18,920	10,200	54
Montana	3,339	2,900	87	3,551	3,250	92
Nebraska	9,744	4,600	47	9,288	(³)	-
New York	6,510	1,100	17	5,184	1,300	25
North Dakota	27,440	15,000	55	26,765	15,300	57
Ohio	1,097	130	12	1,080	(³)	-
Pennsylvania	3,375	1,100	33	2,640	900	34
Wisconsin	32,800	14,900	45	30,450	14,500	48
Other states			-		4,240	-
15 State Total	403,181	200,230	50	403,327	204,190	51

¹ Stocks include processor holdings and most of the seed to plant following year's crop. Seed usage for all seasons in 2004 totaled 26.4 million cwt.

² Includes Oregon, Idaho and Washington.

³ Stocks combined into "other states" to avoid disclosure of individual operations.